

1 AN ACT relating to screening committees.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 160.352 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) For purposes of this section the term "minority" means American Indian; Alaskan
5 native; African-American; Hispanic, including persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican,
6 Cuban, and Central or South American origin; Pacific islander; or other ethnic
7 group underrepresented in a local school district.
- 8 (2) Each board of education shall appoint a superintendent of schools after receiving
9 the recommendations of a screening committee. A screening committee shall be
10 established within thirty (30) days of a determination by a board of education that a
11 vacancy has occurred or will occur in the office of superintendent, except that when
12 the board determines a vacancy will not occur before six (6) months from the date
13 of determination, the board shall establish a screening committee at least ninety (90)
14 days before the first date on which the position may be filled.
- 15 (3) A screening committee shall be composed of:
- 16 (a) Two (2) teachers, elected by the teachers in the district;
- 17 (b) One (1) board of education member, appointed by the board chairman;
- 18 (c) One (1) principal, elected by the principals in the district;
- 19 (d) One (1) parent, elected by the presidents of the parent-teacher organizations of
20 the schools in the district;
- 21 (e) One (1) classified employee, elected by the classified employees in the
22 district;~~and~~
- 23 (f) If a minority member is not elected or appointed to a screening committee in
24 districts with a minority population of eight percent (8%) or more, as
25 determined by the enrollment on the preceding October 1, the committee
26 membership shall be increased to include one (1) minority parent. This
27 minority parent member shall be elected by the parents in an election

1 conducted by the local school board. Parents in the district shall be given
2 adequate notice of the date, time, place, and purpose of the election; and

3 (g) For a school district with a student minority population of fifty percent
4 (50%) or greater, the local board of education may appoint three (3) at-
5 large members. In so far as is practicable, the board shall make
6 appointments so that the membership of the committee as a whole reflects
7 the minority composition of the student population, as determined by the
8 enrollment on the preceding October 1.

9 (4) Prior to appointing a superintendent of schools, the board of education shall
10 consider the recommendations of the screening committee, but the board shall not
11 be required to appoint a superintendent from the committee's recommendations.